REMARKS

Claims 11 and 12 remain in the application and have been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Peterson '020, and of the rejection of claims 11 and 12 under 35 USC 103(a), as being unpatentable over Peterson '020.

A feature of the data processing method according to the present invention is to update accounting points stored in a first memory of a terminal device and to update attributes of distributed information from an unavailable state to an available state when the accounting points are updated correctly based on the distributed information without communicating with an accounting center. See the paragraph starting at line 12 of page 31 and page 44, lines 16-19 of the present application, for example.

Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to emphasize this feature of the present invention.

It is respectfully submitted that Peterson '020 fails to show or suggest making the distributed information available after processing the accounting points stored in the memory of the terminal device and without communicating with the accounting center. Peterson '020 merely teaches an

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